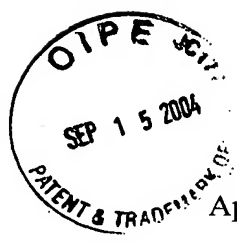


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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the second (non-final) Office action dated August 3, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.